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Honoring the seven members of the crew of the space shuttle Columbia for their heroism and spirit, and paying tribute to the sacrifices made by these men and women on behalf of the Nation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 2003

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself and Mr. BELL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Science

RESOLUTION

Honoring the seven members of the crew of the space shuttle Columbia for their heroism and spirit, and paying tribute to the sacrifices made by these men and women on behalf of the Nation.

Whereas on Saturday, February 1, 2003, the space shuttle Columbia exploded upon re-entering the atmosphere following a 16-day mission;

Whereas the Nation pays tribute to the memory of Colonel Rick Husband, Lieutenant Colonel Michael Anderson, Commander Laurel Clark, Captain David Brown, Commander William McCool, Dr. Kalpana Chawla, and Ilan Ramon, a colonel in the Israeli air force;

Whereas these astronauts were of the highest caliber of individuals and exemplified the pioneering ideals and goals of excellence in the Nation;

Whereas these men and women were skilled professionals, scientists, physicians, and adventurers;

Whereas they were family men and women, and represented the diversity of the Nation;

Whereas, since its inception in 1958, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has accomplished many great scientific and technological feats in air and space, and NASA technology also has been adapted for many non-aerospace uses by the private sector;

Whereas NASA provides insights into the origins, destiny, and wonder of the universe and is a source of dreams for young and old alike;

Whereas NASA develops innovations that spur on the economy and keep the Nation on the cutting edge of technology, and has developed systems that make satellites and communications infrastructure more reliable and less vulnerable to cyberterrorism; and

Whereas NASA inspires young engineers, scientists, and all sorts of people who want to a part of something truly great and noble. to push their minds to new levels of excellence: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
- 2 the seven members of the crew of the space shuttle Colum-
- 3 bia for their heroism and spirit, and pays tribute to the

- 1 sacrifices made by these men and women on behalf of the
- 2 Nation.

